In addition, the India-China Joint Working Group on the boundary question, which is engaged in tasks relating to clarification and confirmation of the line of actual control and establishment of confidence building measures in the India-China border areas, continues its discussions.

(c) No timeframe has been fixed for the final settlement of the boundary question. Both India and China have expressed the conviction that an early settlement of the boundary question will advance the basic interests of the two countries and should, therefore, be pursued as a strategic objective.

Indian Embassies in the Gulf Countries

1811. PROF. P.J. KURIAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations for appointing Malayalam knowing staff in Indian Embassies in the Gulf countries;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of Keralites are facing a lot of hardships due to language problem; and

(c) the steps Government proposes to take to solve this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) to (c) Suggestions are received from time to time for posting officials in Indian Missions who know the language of the Indian community there. The Ministry is sensitive to the needs of the Indian community living in foreign countries. Wherever possible, the Ministry tries to post officials, particularly those who are likely to work in Consular Section, who are proficient in a specific Indian language. Moreover, the Indian Embassies have facilities for interpretation when the officials are interacting with the members of the Indian community in cases where this may be necessary.

Setting up of Wind Energy Programme in Orissa

1812. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to add1200 MWs from wind energy during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such a project is also proposed to be set up in Orissa State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Commercial wind power projects of a capacity of 840 MW have been installed during the current financial year so far *i.e.* April— December, 2005. It is expected that wind power capacity of about 1200 MW would be completed in the country, by March 2006, *i.e.* the end of the financial year in the States of Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.

(c) Setting up of commercial wind power projects has not commenced so far in the State of Orissa

(d) Does not arise.

Popularization of solar energy

1813. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fresh initiatives are being taken by the Government to educate and encourage the people to make use of more and more solar energy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) and (b) Besides, organizing various mass awareness activities through different media *viz.* print, electronic and outdoor as well as workshops, seminars, training programmes, supporting setting-up of energy parks to educate and encourage the people to make use of more and more renewable energy systems and devices including Solar Energy, the Ministry of Non-Conventiona! Energy Sources (MNES) has started